

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/664,039  
Applicant : STOCKSTILL, JOHN W.  
Filed : SEPTEMBER 17, 2003  
Title : COMBINATION INTERPROXIMAL DENTAL STRIPPER

Art Unit : 3732  
Examiner : WILSON, JOHN J.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND REQUEST FOR  
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 18, 2006 for the above application, the period for response to which is set to expire on October 18, 2006, please consider the following amendments. In view of the following remarks, it is believed these amendments will put the above application in better condition for allowance or appeal.

Applicant respectfully request prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance or an Advisory Action by the Examiner, as the present response is being timely filed on or before two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action (*i.e.*, on or before September 18, 2006). See MPEP 706.07(f). Applicant's representative, Mark Guttag, also respectfully requests a telephone conference in the event the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions that would place any pending claim not in allowable form in better condition for allowance. Applicant's representative may be reached directly at 703-563-2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.